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To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to voice my concern about what is happening in the state of Michigan regarding the above referenced court rule. My father died two years ago from mesothelioma, a cancerous lung disease whose only known cause is asbestos exposure. I watch my father endure a tremendous amount of suffering. I am perplexed by the MI Supreme Court's involvement. Does the court even understand the disease?

The Michigan Constitution as well as the United States Constitution makes it clear that judges are not to make the law but rather interpret the law. Why is the MI Supreme Court even considering taking steps that would effectively change the law by denying MI asbestos disease victims their right to a jury trial? It seems that MI and the MI Supreme Court are being used as tools of the asbestos industry and big business to deny working people their constitutional rights to jury trials when harmed by corporate misconduct. The real crisis in MI is the failure of corporations (like the one my father gave his life for) to take responsibility for their bad actions and the willingness of big business and certain conservative republican judges to blame the victims of corporate misconduct instead of holding the corporations accountable. These judges need a wake-up call. If they had first hand experience of what the victims have endured at the hand of big corporate profits, maybe they would see things a little differently. But, I would not wish that type of suffering on my worst enemy.

Thank you for allowing me to express my opinion.

Respectfully,

Linda Mootsey